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Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2931–2941, and S. Res. 388.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2778, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–114)

S. 1105, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–115)

S. 1735, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. (S. Rept. No. 111–116)

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Measures Passed:

Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 228, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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Measures Considered:

Increasing the Statutory Limit on the Public Debt—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Baucus (for Reid) Amendment No. 3299, in the nature of a substitute. Page \$23

Baucus Amendment No. 3300 (to Amendment No. 3299), to protect Social Security. Pages S23-28

Thune Amendment No. 3301 (to Amendment No. 3299), to terminate authority under the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 21, 2010.

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Water Resources Development Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1854, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to modify an environmental infrastructure project for Big Bear Lake, California, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared on January 23, 1995, with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–40)

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 1), Beverly Baldwin Martin, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael F. Tillman, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2011.

Daryl J. Boness, of Maine, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2010.